

**REMARKS**

**Claim Amendments**

Applicants inadvertently used an improper status identifier, "previously amended", in the claims listing in the Amendment filed on September 2, 2004. The status identifier has been corrected to recite "previously presented". No new matter has been added.

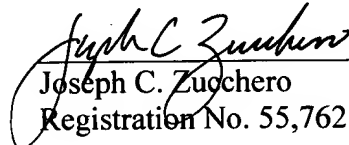
**CONCLUSION**

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is believed that all claims are in condition for allowance, and it is respectfully requested that the application be passed to issue. If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this case, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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